

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**Amendment and Response to Office Action**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response to Office Action is being submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed September 21, 2006 for the above-referenced patent application. A response to the Office Action is initially due on or before December 21, 2006, and thus, this Response is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.